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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Meeting in President's Office

3. At 2:30 p.m. today, a meeting was held in the President's office, attended by J. F. Dulles, A. W. Dulles, Radford, Twining, Carney, Goodpaster, and myself. ...

1. The President complained about conflicting intelligence information coming to him. He said he wanted steps taken to centralize and centrally evaluate all intelligence. It was agreed that the NIC should be "beefed up" and put on a 24 hour basis. Secretary Dulles said there are three aspects to intelligence:

- a. rapid communication of intelligence from the field
- b. coordination of intelligence in Washington
- c. obtaining accurate intelligence as to Chinat loyalty on Formosa.

The President said that - under emergent circumstances like the present - he wanted (1) intelligence transmitted from the field to Washington very fast; (2) a prompt evaluation of such intelligence at a central point where all interested agencies were represented, so as to obtain a commonly agreed assessment as quickly as possible; (3) in the case of something "hot", a warning to himself and other key persons, pending such central evaluation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Paragraph i of 11 March Memo signed by General
Cutler re White House Conference of same date.

At 1630 I phoned General Cutler to obtain his views as to whether it would be possible to keep the record open on paragraph i of the 11 March Record of Action until the DCI had himself determined what the best way would be of creating a central evaluating technique as desired by the President. General Cutler categorically stated that he did not consider his memorandum for the record an official document and, therefore, he felt that the DCP would be free to implement the general decision by whatever means he felt would be most effective.

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